Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

Loveliness.

"Beautiful thoughts make a beautiful soul and a beautiful soul makes a beautiful face."

Once I knew a little girl,
Very plain;
You might try her hair to curl,
All in vain;
On her cheek no tint of rose
Paled and blushed, or sought repose;
She was plain.

But the thoughts that through her brain
Came and went,
As a recompense for pain,
Angels sent;
So full many a beauteous thing,
In her young soul blossoming,
Gave content.

Every thought was full of grace,
Pure and true;
And in time the homely face
Lovelier grew;
With a heavenly radiance bright,
From a soul's reflected light
Shining through.

So I tell you, little child,
Plain or poor,
If your thoughts are undefiled,
You are sure
Of the loveliness of worth:
And this beauty not of earth
Will endure.

Our Scripture Lesson For Dec. 7th.

Read Prov. 23: 29—35.

"Who hath woe, sorrow, contentions, wounds, and redness of eyes?" It is "they that tarry long at the wine;" or, in other words, those who drink intoxicating liquors. There are many sorrows in life, but he who is addicted to strong drink adds to his ordinary troubles the deepest sorrow and wretchedness that can be imagined.

Drunkenness dries up the beautiful fountains of happiness and opens the whirlpool of destruction and death. It creeps silently into pleasant homes, where peace and love are the ruling elements, and transforms them into dens of poverty and desolation. Those who were happy and prosperous before the terrible monster, intemperance, came among them, become pitiable wrecks for whom we should have the utmost commiseration.

No one becomes a drunkard intentionally or at one step; but one step—the first glass—has always been the cause of drunkenness. The proverb says: "Look not upon the wine while it is red," and the New Testament says: "Touch not; taste not; handle not." The young man who takes an *occasional* glass has no idea of ever becoming a drunkard; but each glass increases his appetite until it becomes a strong passion over which he has no control, and in each glass lurks a deadly serpent which will coil itself about him and poison his blood and embitter his life. Oh the unutterable misery of drunkenness! Oh, the happy homes made desolate by intemperance!

Young men, if you want to be happy and make others happy, abstain from intoxicating beverages, even in their mildest forms. If you avoid the first glass, you will not be annoyed with a desire for the second; but if you take one glass there is a probability of your taking another.

Young women seldom become intoxicated, but they should use every honorable means to induce their brothers to beware of the fatal cup. Could we but know the number of horrid crimes, sorrows and broken hearts caused by intemperance, we would be appalled. In this country, which we call Our Glorious Union, for every dollar expended for the support of ministers, there are about three hundred and sixty-six dollars spent for whiskey. Is not this enough to alarm the American people? Is it not enough to arouse every Christian in the country and cause them to put forth every power they have, to destroy this terrible evil?

If any little boy or little girl who may read this lesson has ever tasted of intoxicating drinks I pray you never taste it again. No matter what associates may tell you of their power to drink or abstain at will, do not let them tempt you. No matter if they endeavor to persuade you to take one drink, just for fun; I tell you, that one drink *just for fun* may cause you the deepest sorrow of your life. Don't do it. Be wise and adhere to total abstinence. "When sinners entice thee consent thou not."

Dear Chidren: This is Thanksgiving day and I hope your little hearts are filled with gratitude, for the many blessings that our Heavenly Parent has bestowed upon us this year. The past year has been one of prosperity for our country. Our farmers have had fair crops, our people have enjoyed good health, we have not had the epidemics to battle with as in previous years. We have been living well, and this day we should give thanks unto Him who has willed all for the nations good. And in being grateful for our comfort, let us not forget others who have been severely visited with wars and disease.

Sister Julia has swelled our treasury $1.25. The scarf is very pretty, and I know will find a purchaser. Were I not already supplied I should take it, as its soft folds are well fitted to keep out many a wintry blast.

It will now soon be one year since our corner first appeared in the EVANGELIST, and we must do all in our power to keep it full of interest so that the new year may not find us cold and disinterested.

Let all little Dew Drops go to work in earnest and by Christmas-time we will have our treasurer tell us how much we are worth.

Letters from the Children.

Dear Lottie: I have been thinking about writing to you for some time. I love to read the letters from the little girls and boys. I am nine years old. My brother and I go to school. He is twelve y ars old. We have no sister. Our little sister Annie died last February. Brother Bashor preached her funeral when he was in Virginia. We went to see my cousin Gracie last Sunday and she came home with me to spend a week with me. We will have a nice time this week. We had a good Sunday school last summer. I have some pretty cards our Superintendant gave me. Gracie and Willie say: if you think this will do for the little boys and girls to read, they will write and send something for the Dew Drop. This is the first time I ever tried to write for the paper, though I have written several letters to my grandma. I can do better next time. Your little friend,

MARSHALL LEE NININGER.
Roanoke City Va.

Your letter is very good, Marshall, and I hope your cousins will write. The children have been a little slow with their department, and we must do something to get up fresh and increased interest in our corner. Will not the children have little stories to tell about their Thanksgiving services and dinners and the preparations they are making for Christmas.

Your letter reminds me of the little poem headed "We are Seven." Did you ever read it children? It is about a little girl who had a brother and sister lying in the church yard and four brothers and sitters living, and still insisted that there were seven of them. So we think Marshall Nininger still has a sister. She is not at home with them any more; she has gone to her heavenly home. How is this children? What are your views on this subject?

Dear Lottie; I will try my hand at writing a letter for the Youth's department. I am always pleased to get the EVANGELIST on account of the little letters, and your remarks. My papa takes pleasure in reading the whole paper, but the Youth's department interests me the most. I think it is real nice to have a corner for the young people. I hope you will tell us about the mountains and rocks, and all the strange things, in what papa calls the old Keystone State, where you are now visiting. I think I would like to be with you on your visit. I hope you will have a safe and happy visit and will have many things to tell us about your journey, so as to make it almost as good as if we were along with you on your trip. I hope to send you something for the dewdrop fund when I can save some pennies. I spent all my money for a new hat.

LOREEZO JOTTER.

I am glad you are interested in our corner, Lorenzo, and real glad for your little letter just at the time it came to hand. It was needed to fill up the corner. You write a nice hand, which is very commendable. We would encourage all the children to learn to write well. It will be time enough to learn to write bad when you get to be *great* men and women.

Of course your papa will take most interest in the "big corners" of the paper; but my papa tells me that he found a great many parents in his travels who read our corner carefully and like it very well. And we can make it so interesting that the "big people" will all read our corner, if we will all help a little. Will not all our readers write something nice for us?

Thank you, for your kind wishes. When I return to the sanctum of the EVANGELIST, I will have something to say about the Old Keystone State. It is cold and snowy here now, and the hills are covered with beautiful white. What a contrast if the underside of the hills could be turned up, with their beds of bituminous coal, as black as black can be. The poor men, when they come out of the mines after a day's or night's work, look nearly as black as the coal itself. They can work just as well after night under ground, for it is dark all the time; but the night is better to sleep in, above ground, as it is quieter, and was calculated for that purpose by Nature.

It is all right to have a new hat, when you need it; but it will be proper to save a dime in its purchase, to contribute to a fund in which one may be secured for a hatless brother.

Advice to Boys.

Get away from the crowd a little while every day, my boy. Stand at one side, and let the world run by, while you get acquainted with yourself, and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain from original sources if you are really the manner of man people say you are; find out if you are really honest; if you always tell the square perfect truth in business details; if your life is as good and upright at 11 o'clock at night as it is at noon; if you are as sound a temperance man on a fishing expedition as you are at a Sunday school picnic; if you are as good a boy when you go to Chicago, as when you are at home—if, in short you are really the sort of a young man your father hopes you are, your mother says you are, and you sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and believe me, every time you come out of these private interviews, you will be a stronger, better, purer man. Don't forget this, and it will do you good.

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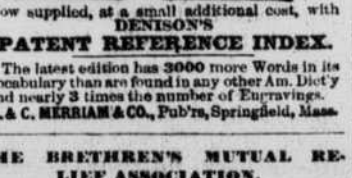

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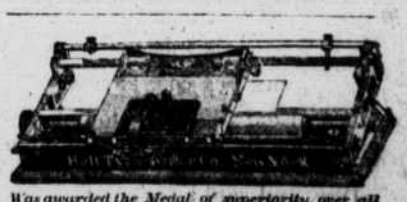

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